



THE THREAD

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July 2025

Summer.....Enjoy.....Relax.....Come to church

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through him who gives me strength." Phil 4:11-13.

It sounds like Paul found the fountain of happiness. What a blessing. Everyone has issues with which to deal. The key: pray about it, then focus on the issue until you have decided what to do about it, then do it and move on. Don't let it hang over your head like the sword of Damocles.

Enjoy – We all have things on our "to-do list" that are not our favorite things "to do". Do them first thing each day – the remainder of the day will be more enjoyable. Find a new way to do your least favorite tasks – try a new dishwashing liquid, mow the grass in a different direction, create new ways of folding laundry. Someone once said 'If you have a job you love, you will never work a day in your life' It must have been a professional golfer.

Relax – This does not mean "rest" - It means doing something that frees the mind and that you enjoy. Take the kids (or grandkids) to Roxbury Park then get ice cream. Pack a picnic lunch and head for Lake Rowena. Plant some flowers. Walk your dog – or just walk. Build a campfire and make smores. Catch some lightning bugs in a jar.

Our (Your) church is embarking on a yearlong celebration of WPC's Centennial Anniversary. Julann Lloyd, a guest on Pentecost Sunday said "Thank You to WPC" for being Dean's family after Doris passed. How wonderful is that? So many good things are happening within our church family. We are reaching out through the Geneva Pre-School, Teen Lunches, The Good News Club, Vacation Bible School, the Farmers Market, the WPC Music Ministry, Services at Laurel View, the Bridge Group, the Garden Club, the Girl Scouts, the Koinonia Events, the Men's weekly Breakfasts and Saturday Breakfast Series, the Book Club, Prayers and Squares, Prayer Warriors, Spiritual Direction, the Deacons Home-care ministry and the Special Needs Dances. Join in. Be a part of this once in a century year. Don't miss out. Before you know it, we will be cracking open the 1925 cornerstone.

Pastor Ben recently recommended an author. I have yet to read his book, however I have researched some quotes. Along with Bertrand Russell, Rudyard Kipling and Yogi Berra, he seems to be a profound creator of prose. Here's one:

"It's a gift to joyfully recognize and accept our own smallness and ordinariness. Then you are free with nothing to live up to, nothing to prove, and nothing to protect. Such freedom is my best description of Christian maturity, because once you know that your "I" is great and one with God, you can ironically be quite content with a small and ordinary "I." No grandstanding is necessary. Any question of your own importance or dignity has already been resolved once and for all and forever." Richard Rohr.

See you in church – and at the Farmer's Market. Don't forget to mark July 13 on your calendar. That's the summer outdoor service and picnic at Greenhouse Park.

Blessings to all, Kevin Howell

Those Who Serve

ACOLYTES

07/6
07/13
07/20
07/27

LAY READERS

07/6 Dave Thomson
07/13 Tiffany Taha
07/20 Dennis Appiah
07/27 Shelby Esch

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

07/6 Bring a Cookie
07/13 Greenhouse Park Picnic
07/20 Betsy Suppes
07/27 Finance Committee

OPENERS

7/6 Jim McCann
7/13 Kevin Howell
7/20 Jim McCann
7/27 Kevin Howell

CHANCEL FLOWERS

07/6 The Priest Family
07/13 The Priest Family
07/20 Betsy Suppes
07/27

Session Recap—May 2025

Actions Discussed and Taken:

VB5: June 9-13 from 9-11:30 AM. Volunteers appreciated. Sunday Funday June 22 sponsored by CE.

Our 100 year Centennial Celebration is moving forward.

New mugs for visitors and new members are here. Members may purchase for \$7/mug to help off set cost.

Annual Outdoor Worship on Sunday July 13 at Greenhouse Park at 10:30 AM. There will be no Worship Service at the church that day

Volunteers are needed for the Stewardship and Safety Committees

CHILDREN'S CHAT

07/6 No Chat
07/13 Jen Priest
07/20 Betsy Suppes
07/27 Mark Parseghian

USHERS

Christine Wiegman
Jeanne Strunk
Mary Meck
Tom Young
Suzanne Langer
Josh Hinson

General Giving

May 2025 — \$ 21,326
2025 YTD — \$163,749
2024 YTD — \$160,201
YTD Budget — \$ 147,291

- Flower Calendar
- Fellowship Hour
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Sign up sheets are posted on the K Room.



DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles

Deadline for the August
Thread is
Friday July 18

*2025 Mission Payments
through May*

<i>Young Life</i>	<i>\$1000</i>
<i>Bible 2 School</i>	<i>\$ 200</i>
<i>Good News Club</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Highlands Health</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>New Day</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Pgh Theo Seminary</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Prayers & Squares</i>	<i>\$ 250</i>
<i>Sudan Presb Church</i>	<i>\$ 300</i>
<i>Saturday's Kitchen</i>	<i>\$ 250</i>
<i>Women's Help Center</i>	<i>\$ 250</i>
<i>Roland Maust</i>	<i>\$ 1000</i>
<i>Christian Home</i>	<i>\$ 250</i>
<i>Hilltop Baccalaureate</i>	<i>\$ 100</i>
<i>Cambria County Mission</i>	<i>\$ 150</i>

Stewardship Committee

Per Capita-

In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), "per capita" refers to an annual per-member apportionment that congregations pay to their Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. This contribution helps fund the administrative and missional costs of these larger governing bodies of the church.

WPC, based upon its membership rolls, is the fifth largest church in the Redstone Presbytery. Thus, we have a larger obligation to it. Our per capita is \$47 per member. Usually our "Per Capita" envelopes are green and in the 1st quarter's packet. However, WPC pays the per capita quarterly. Thus far, WPC has paid \$8,000 (\$4,000 each quarter). We have a remaining \$8,000 commitment to the Presbytery in over the next six months.

If you do not have your "Per Capita" envelope, you can just write on the memo line of your check, "Per Capita."

Your WPC Stewardship Committee

FOOD PANTRY

Donations for the food pantry have been down recently due to our busy summer activities. In speaking with Greg Karcher, Director of the Family Soup Kitchen, monetary doantions are always welcome.If you woud like to contribute, please indicate "Food Pantry" on the envelope. It will then be recognized on your church offering statement at the end of the year.

Thank You in advance for your support of our less fortunate neighbors.
Dave Rose

WPC Christian Ed News

July

CE Committee

CE is looking for more committee members! Join in the discussions about Sunday School, community events, Adven pageant and VBS. You don't have to attend every meeting, but all are welcome. **Please contact Bri Lohr at blohr@westmontpc.org if you want to know more! Teens welcome!**



Our VBS went very well! CE would like to thank all the volunteers who helped and to all the kids who attended!

Upcoming Events

- July: 18th - Youth Lunch @ 12
- August: 3rd - Sunday School Registration Due; 10th - CE Meeting; 15th - Youth Lunch @ 12

Youth Group

GND will meet once a month during the summer for a youth lunch/Bible study. This will be held the 3rd Friday of the month. The next ones coming up are listed in Upcoming Events.



WPC SUNDAY SCHOOL

STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Current Age: _____ Current Grade: _____

Sunday School Class they will attend:

☐ Elementary (preK-4th) ☐ Youth (5th-12th)

☐ Confirmation (youth grade 7th &
up who wish to join)

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Gaurdian Name: _____

Relationship to
Child:

☐ Father/Step
Father

☐ Mother/Step
Mother

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Gaurdian Name: _____

Relationship to
Child:

☐ Father/Step
Father

☐ Mother/Step
Mother

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact _____
Name: _____
Relationship to Student: _____ Phone Number: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Does the student have any allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please list: _____
Does the student have any medical conditions we should be aware of? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please specify: _____

CONSENT & AGREEMENT

- ☐ I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- ☐ I give permission for my child to receive emergency medical treatment if necessary.
- ☐ I understand that pictures may be taken and posted to the church's website and social media. By checking this box I consent to this happening.

_____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

koinonia

The Koinonia Committee cordially invites you to our Annual Outdoor Worship Service at Greenhouse Park on Sunday, July 13. The service will begin at 10:30 AM, and we invite you to bring your family and friends! It is always so refreshing to praise God in the midst of His Creation. THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE CHURCH ON THIS DAY. Please plan to join us for this special service which will be followed by a covered dish lunch. Our committee will provide the entrees, sloppy joes and chicken tenders. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. If your last name begins with A-H, we are asking you to bring a dessert. Last names beginning with I-Z are asked to bring a side dish. We are praying for nice weather as we worship God and share Koinonia Fellowship with our church family. If you need directions to Greenhouse Park or a ride, please contact the church office ASAP.

Prayers and Squares Can you touch a prayer?

You can if it is tied into a prayer quilt made by our Prayers and Squares group. If you know someone who is in need of prayer support and would like to have a prayer quilt made.....or if you want to be part of this ministry, please call Joyce Norris at 243-2659 or you can email her at joyceanorris@gmail.com.

Deacon's Corner

The Deacons sold mugs during Fellowship Hour throughout the month of June. These mugs feature an updated picture of our beloved church along with the words, “Westmont Presbyterian Church Serving as God’s Hands, Feet, and Voice Since 1926.” The mugs were originally purchased to present as a gift to visitors and new members, but we thought that many members would also like to have one. If you didn’t have the chance to purchase a mug yet, and you would like one (or more), please let an usher know, and we will be happy to get one to you. The cost is \$7 each to help defray the cost. Also, if you can’t make it to church, and you’d like a mug, please call the church office, and we will deliver your mug(s).

Our Annual Blood Drive is rapidly approaching. It will be held Friday, August 1, from 11:30 AM until 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Look for a Deacon during Fellowship Hour each Sunday to register to donate. Our goal is to have 31 people pre-register in hopes of collecting a minimum of 20 units of blood. This will be our fourth Annual Blood Drive, and we have collected a total of 74 units of blood so far. Well done, good and faithful servants! Contact Jen Priest at 814-241-1908 for more information or to register.

Later in August, on the 24th, we will be having our Annual Picnic at Pine Springs. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful time of worship and fellowship. More details will be in the bulletin and August Thread.

Our donations to the Family Soup Kitchen have been down a little in recent weeks. Please remember when you’re shopping to pick up a few extras to donate to the less fortunate in our area. Non-perishable foods along with household products are always needed. This is a great way to serve as God’s hands, feet, and voice in our community.

We thank you, our church family, for your generous support in making everything we do possible. We couldn’t do it without your prayers, donations, and attendance at our events. We are definitely Blessed to be a Blessing!

Centennial Steering Committee

July 2025 Thread

The Centennial Steering Committee met on June 19, and we are excited to tell you what is in the works for this amazing occasion. The celebration's kick-off was held on Sunday, May 18, when Dr. Christa Miller presented an organ recital. The Deacons also jumped onboard and are selling mugs with an updated picture of our beautiful church and the words, "Westmont Presbyterian Church Serving as God's Hands, Feet, and Voice since 1926." Next, we had a visitor from our past, Julann Lloyd Dunn, daughter of long-time members Dean and Doris Lloyd, who talked about the beautiful paraments she presented to the congregation in May of 1977 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our beloved church. Julann was a junior in high school when she made two gorgeous paraments. One was on display in the chancel as she spoke.

The Steering Committee and the Session will be planning a number of different and interesting historical, musical, social, and fun events leading up to our Homecoming Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, 2026. The Steering Committee is comprised of co-chairs Betsy Suppes and Kevin Priest, Deacons Monica Black and Mary Meck, and from the congregation-at-large, Donna Prothero. We are seeking one more person from the congregation-at-large to serve on the Steering Committee. Please contact Betsy or Kevin to volunteer. We'd love to have you share your ideas with us!

We are in the process of contacting former ministers, and hopefully our interim and associate ministers, and former organists to invite them to our Homecoming Weekend. We would also like to have as many photos of church events, services, and members as possible. If you have any, or know someone who does, please submit them to Betsy Suppes, and she will organize them onto a slide show which will be used throughout the year leading up to our Homecoming Weekend. Prayers and Squares will be making special pocket squares to be handed out to our members and guests as we celebrate this blessed anniversary.

We need your help to make this year-long celebration successful. Please volunteer to help with any or all future events. Please reach out to all church members, past and present, along with your friends, relatives, and neighbors, and invite them to join in our exciting events. The more, the merrier!

Call for a Pastor

The Congregation of the Westmont Presbyterian Church of Johnstown Pa. being, on sufficient grounds, well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Rev. John Rhys Roberts and having good hopes from our past experience of your labors, that your administrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call and desire you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation; promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. And that you may be free from worldly cares and associations, we promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$3,000.00 yearly in regular monthly payments during the time of your being and continuing the regular Pastor of this Church, ~~together with~~ four weeks of the same and 1 month vacation each year. And we agree to pay or to continue to pay quarterly in advance to the Board of Pensions a sum equivalent to 7 1/2 per cent of said salary.

In Testimony Whereof we have respectfully subscribed our names this 29th day of December A.D. 1926 at the request and on behalf of the congregation.

John M. Walters
John G. Barker
Frank W. Bryan
John A. Northwood
Charles E. McGahan
R. H. Owens
Evan D. Jones
Howard D. Davis
Andrew G. Crichton

S. G. Weeks
Harry T. Kelly
Carl F. Coleware
J. Walter Barr
Edwin W. Trexler
R. D. Correa
John M. McGahan

Calvin C. Mayo hereby certify that I presided over a duly called and regular meeting of the congregation of the Westmont Church of Johnstown held Dec. 29, 1926 for the election of a pastor; that the Rev. John Rhys Roberts was elected pastor by a unanimous vote of said congregation; that the persons whose names are subscribed to the Call were appointed for the purpose by the congregation that Mr. Charles E. McGahan and Dr. Lawrence J. Gingham were appointed commissioners to prosecute the Call, and that the Call was in all respects prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Calvin C. Mayo Moderator of Meeting.

I hereby certify that the above alternative form of Call was approved by the General Assembly of 1926.—Lewis S. Meigs, Stated Clerk.

We would like to identify any descendants of the original founding fathers. Please call the office or contact Betsy Suppes or Kevin Priest if any of the following persons are in your family tree:

John W. Walters

? G A. Barker

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R. H. Owens

Evan D. Jones

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John M. McGahan

MISSION QUESTIONNAIRE

The Mission Committee of the Westmont Presbyterian Church is hoping to form a mission team for potential projects either local or out of state. We need to assess how many of our congregation might be interested in working with a mission group before we can commit to any projects.

If you are interested, please fill out the questionnaire, fold it up, and place it in the offering plate. If you need time to think about this, you later can contact any one of the Mission Committee members: Tammy Germana (Chair), Gary Lichtenfels, Jean Livingston, Joan Rush, or Georgia Yeager.

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| 1 . Are you interested in local projects (in town or possible day trips)? | YES | NO |
| 2. Are you interested in an out-of-state trip for multiple days
(West Virginia, North Carolina, or similar distance)? | YES | NO |
| 3. Are you willing to support a fundraiser for the trip? | YES | NO |
| 4. Are you willing to help with a fundraiser for the trip? | YES | NO |
| <hr/> | | |
| 5. Are you willing to fund your share of a non-local mission
trip which could be \$150 per person or greater? | YES | NO |

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Please list in the space below any ideas you may have for mission work.

Happy Birthday

<i>Kathy Good</i>	07/02
<i>Margaret Tarsovich</i>	07/05
<i>Gerard Brill</i>	07/10
<i>Gary Minchau</i>	07/12
<i>Linda Capp</i>	07/14
<i>Marjorie Pile</i>	07/18
<i>Jean Livingston</i>	07/20
<i>Christine Wiegman</i>	07/20

Editor's Note

This issue of *The Thread* is being printed in greyscale. We are currently exceeding our approved budget for copier costs, and in keeping with our fiduciary responsibility with respect to your donations this adjustment will help to curtail expenses. A color copy of *The Thread* is available for viewing on our website and color copies have been placed in in the main entrance lobby.

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00am THREAD OUT	3 1:00pm Staff Meeting (K)	4 Fourth of July Office Closed	5 9:00am Farmers Market (P Lot)
6 9:00am Adult Bible Study (K) 10:15am Worship - Rev. Corey (S) 11:30am Felp Hr (F)	7 9:00am Prayers & Squares 12:00pm Bridge Group (K)	8 Spiritual Direction (P)	9 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax) 9:00pm WFCM (K)	10 7:30am Finance Meeting E 1:00pm Staff Meeting (K) 6:00pm Centennial Committee (K)	11 SESSION REPORTS DUE	12 9:00am Farmers Market (P Lot)
13 9:00am Adult Bible Study (K) 10:30am Worship - Greenhouse Park (S) 11:30am Picnic (F)	14 9:00am Prayers & Squares 12:00pm Bridge Group (K)	15	16 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax) 7:00pm Session	17 1:00pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm Worship & Music	18 THREAD ARTICLES DUE 12:00pm YUTE Lunch	19 9:00am Farmers Market (P Lot)
20 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Worship (S) 11:30am Felp Hr (F) 11:30am Centennial Slide Show	21 9:00am Prayers & Squares 12:00pm Bridge Group (K) 6:00pm Deacons meeting (K)	22 Spiritual Direction (P)	23 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax)	24 1:00pm Staff Meeting	25	26 9:00am Farmers Market (P Lot)
27 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Worship (S) 11:30am Felp Hr (F)	28 9:00am Prayers & Squares 12:00pm Bridge Group (K)	29	30 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Jax) 9:00am THREAD OUT 10:00am Building and Grounds	31 1:00pm STAFF MEETING		

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Christ Centered

Biblically Based

Servant Led

Blessed to be a Blessing

Worship 10:15 a.m.

a.m.

Fellowship Hour 11:15